

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1066

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2011, Mississippi lost one of its great leaders with the passing of former Governor William Waller Sr.; and

WHEREAS, William Waller Sr. was a true Mississippi leader who launched an era of change in Mississippi that continues today. He was born in Lafayette County, served in the United States Army during the Korean War, and practiced law in Jackson. His direct leadership as governor helped guide Mississippi in a new direction; and

WHEREAS, he focused on the integration of the Mississippi highway patrol and state government by appointing Mississippians from all backgrounds to key executive, board, and judicial posts. He separated the tax collecting responsibilities from the law enforcement duties of the sheriff, which improved the office of sheriff throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Carroll, led the restoration of the Governor's Mansion and saved this historic building in downtown Jackson from decay; and

WHEREAS, his "Straight Ahead" style helped move Mississippi forward and made him a respected political figure and a beloved governor by Mississippians across the state;

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with the family and friends of William Waller Sr.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William G. Hewes, III, by the authority vested in me as acting Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim a period of official mourning in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction beginning November 30, 2011, and ending December 3, 2011.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William G. Hewes, III".
William G. Hewes, III
ACTING GOVERNOR

BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr."
C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE